

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2010. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

To expedite the prosecution in the present application, claims 5-11 have been cancelled by the above amendment. All remaining claims, i.e. claims 1-4, have previously been allowed.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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